

**MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OVER OCCUPIED
DISTRICTS**

To all the Authorities and the People of the Commonwealth of the Philippines:

(1) As the result of the Japanese military operations, the sovereignty of the U. S. A. over the Philippines has completely disappeared and the Army hereby proclaims the Military Administration under the martial law over the districts occupied by the Army.

(2) The purpose of the Japanese expedition is nothing but emancipating you from the oppressive domination of the U. S. A., letting you to establish “the Philippines for the Filipinos” as a member of the Co-Prosperity Sphere in the Greater East Asia and making you enjoy your own prosperity and culture.

(3) The Authorities and the people of the Commonwealth should sever the relations with the U. S. A. and trust the just and fair administration of the Army, obeying faithfully all its commands, cooperating voluntarily with it in its stationing and activities here and supplying military supplies when asked.

(4) So far as the Military Administration permits, all the laws, both executive and judicial institutions now in force in the Commonwealth shall continue to be effective, for the time being, as in the past. Therefore all the public officials shall remain in the present posts and carry on faithfully the duties as before.

(5) The Army recognizes the freedom of your religion and residence and has a regard for your usual customs, so far as the Military Administration permits. Accordingly, all the people in the Commonwealth are requested to comprehend the real intentions of the Army and never be deceived by propagandas of the U. S. A. and Great Britain, and you should never disturb public peace in any way, warning yourselves against rashness and refraining from spreading fabulous, wild rumors. Their actions shall be regarded as hostile operations and offenders shall be severely punished, the gravest among them shall be put to death, according to martial law.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES

January 3, 1942.

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

USE OF WAR-NOTES IN OCCUPIED AREAS

The Imperial Japanese Army, in the occupied areas, will use the war-notes (military pass-money) endorsed and issued by the Imperial Japanese Government. All the peoples residing within the concerned areas should be aware of the following:

1. The war-notes (military pass-money) have been issued by the Imperial Japanese Government, and said Government takes full responsibility for their usage having the correct amount to back them up.

Circulate the war-notes (military pass-money) on their face value with no fear of any sort.

2. Those who hold the war-notes will be able to use them in making payments of all kinds.

3. If anyone attempts to interfere with the circulation of the war-notes (such deeds as rejection of payment, forgery, or spreading the untrue nature of news concerning the war-notes of any kind) his act will be considered as hostile and will be punished severely.

4. The war-notes, and the existing currency and foreign currency will be prohibited from exportation and importation for a while.

5. Kinds and classes of the war-notes will be as follows: 10-peso note, 5-peso note, 1-peso note, and notes of: 1 centavo, 5 centavos, 10 centavos, 50 centavos.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES

January 3, 1942.

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Proclamation
REGISTRATION OF ALL ALIENS

April 1, 1942

The Imperial Japanese Forces hereby proclaim that all aliens shall duly register in accordance with the rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Philippine Executive Commission, which shall perform the function relating thereto.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES
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Proclamation
PROHIBITING THE CIRCULATION OF THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK EMERGENCY
CIRCULATION NOTES

May 7, 1942

Since January, 1942, the Phil-American Army ordered the different branches or agencies of the Philippine National Bank in the Visayan provinces to issue Philippine National Bank Emergency Circulation Notes for the purpose of using them in the purchase of military supplies and of creating economic confusion and disturbance. For this reason, the circulation of said emergency notes is declared illegal and their acceptance absolutely prohibited.

Inasmuch as these emergency notes were issued for the use of the enemy and considering the nature thereof and the purpose for which they were issued, it is hereby proclaimed that these notes are enemy military notes and consequently they are declared as having no monetary value whatsoever.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Proclamation

The members of the crew of the enemy aircraft who enter the territories of the Empire of Japan, Manchukuo, or the regions of our strategic operations and violate International Law in times of war, will be committed for trial by the Court Martial and sentenced to death or severe punishment as grave criminals in times of war.

Nineteenth of October, the 17th Year of the Syowa Era (1942).

SIZUITI TANAKA
*Commander-in-Chief of the
Imperial Japanese Forces in the
Philippines*

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Proclamation
CONCERNING METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SALARIES

November 19, 1942

Proclamation concerning method of payment of salaries issued on January 23rd, 1942, shall be hereby repealed as of November 30th, 1942.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Proclamation
REVISION OF PROCLAMATION CONCERNING
OPENING OF BUSINESS OF BANKING AND
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

November 19, 1942

The following clause in the proclamation concerning opening of business of banking and financial institutions issued on January 23rd, 1942, is hereby annulled:

“The above proclamation shall be put into effect within the limits of the City of Greater Manila for the time being.”

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES

Reference: Reason for revision

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
MALACAÑAN PALACE
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION NO. 1**

**CALLING UPON ALL FILIPINO CITIZENS WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH THE USAFFE
BUT WHO ARE STILL IN HIDING OR WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PRISONERS OF
WAR TO REGISTER WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES SO AS TO ENJOY THE SAME
STATUS AS THAT OF REGULARLY RELEASED PRISONERS OF WAR.**

Whereas, with the restoration of peace and order, normal conditions now prevail throughout the country and we are now in the process of reconstructing a new Philippines under the wise guidance and leadership of the Imperial Japanese Forces;

Whereas, the Imperial Japanese Forces have not considered the Filipinos as their enemies as evidenced by the fact that a large number of Filipino prisoners of war have already been released, allowing them to return to their homes to join their families and to resume their normal lives;

Whereas, the policy of the Imperial Japanese Forces towards persons who were formerly connected with the USAFFE but who have deserted or separated therefrom or otherwise have not been taken as prisoners of war and subsequently released has not yet been clarified, and hence the status of these persons has been uncertain; and

Whereas, the Imperial Japanese Forces have shown once more their spirit of magnanimity and kindness to the Filipino people by authorizing the Chairman of the Executive Commission to grant to such Filipino citizens who were connected with the USAFFE but who are still in hiding or have not been made prisoners of war the same status as that of the regularly released prisoners of war, thereby giving them the opportunity to resume their normal occupations and permitting them to contribute to the speedy rehabilitation of the country.

NOW, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Head of the Central Administrative Organization by Order No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces, and Order No. 15 of the Director General of the Japanese Military Administration, I hereby proclaim to all Filipino citizens who have in any way been connected with the USAFFE but who have deserted or separated therefrom or who have not been made prisoners of war or who are still in hiding that similar status as that of the regularly released prisoners of war will be granted to them upon their registration with the proper authorities in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

1. Applications for registration in accordance with the prescribed forms shall be filed as soon as possible in the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Commission by those residing in the City of Manila, and with their respective provincial governors or city mayors, by those residing in localities outside the City of Manila.
2. The application for registration shall be accompanied by a prescribed form of statement to be signed by a reputable person in the community offering to be the guarantor and custodian of the registrant and to hold himself responsible for the good conduct and care of said registrant
3. All the registrants in the City of Manila shall be required to appear personally at the Office of the Chairman of the Executive Commission to take the prescribed oath in the presence of a representative of the Imperial Japanese Forces, and those residing in localities outside the City of Manila shall take the required oath also in the presence of a representative of the Imperial Japanese Forces on a date to be fixed by the Chairman of the Executive Commission and the corresponding provincial governor or city mayor.
4. The provincial governors and the city mayors shall submit a list of the registrants in their respective provinces and cities, together with the original applications for registration duly accomplished as provided in paragraph 1 hereof, to the Chairman of the Executive Commission immediately upon completion of the procedure prescribed in the preceding paragraphs.
5. The members of the Executive Commission shall assist in the registration required by this Proclamation and are hereby authorized to accept applications for registration from any person residing anywhere in the Philippines. Applications so received by any Commissioner shall be filed with the corresponding provincial governor or city mayor. Any Commissioner desiring to do so

may supervise or attend the administration of the oath to any group of registrants in any city or province in the Philippines.

In our gigantic task of reconstruction and rehabilitation we need the support and cooperation of every Filipino regardless of his previous standing, conviction or affiliation. The time has come for us all to unite and work as one man in the building up of a nation that will be worthy of membership in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere where we logically and naturally belong and upon the success of which under the leadership and guidance of the mighty Japanese Empire depends the welfare and happiness of all the Oriental peoples. In no other way can we attain the honor of independence so generously announced to us by the illustrious Premier of the great Japanese Empire. I, therefore, earnestly urge all Filipino citizens who have heretofore been in any way engaged in armed activities or operations to take full advantage of this splendid opportunity afforded to them through the magnanimity and benevolence of the Imperial Japan Forces by complying immediately with this proclamation so that they may be able to return peacefully to their homes and families and engage in their respective businesses and occupations without fear and with contentment knowing full well that their status is guaranteed, and thereby contribute to the establishment of lasting peace and order in our beloved country.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 11th day of September, 1942.

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS

Chairman of the Executive Commission

APPROVED by the Director General of the Military Administration on September 12, 1942.

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
MALACAÑAN PALACE
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION NO. 2

CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR BY JOINING IN THE NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 8, 1942.

Whereas, December 8th is an important milestone in the history of the Philippines as it was on this day a year ago that the mighty forces of the Empire of Japan launched the crusade to liberate the peoples of East Asia from western domination and to establish among them a Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere on the basis of co-existence and co-prosperity;

Whereas, since the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War, the Imperial Japanese Forces have won a succession of victories on land, at sea, and in the air which have paved the way for the full realization of the above-stated objectives;

Whereas, the Greater East Asia War has been a blessing to the Philippines in particular as it has emancipated the Philippines from American domination and laid the foundations for the establishment of a New Philippines that can be a worthy member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere; and

Whereas, to commemorate fittingly the first anniversary of the Greater East Asia War the Filipino people should dedicate the day to the encouragement of the spirit of labor and sacrifice and renew their determination to fight out the present war to achieve the complete victory of the Oriental peoples under the leadership of Japan;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as Head of the Central Administrative Organization by Order No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, I hereby call upon the people of the Philippines to so dedicate December 8, 1942, to the encouragement of the spirit of labor and sacrifice, to display the Flag of the Rising Sun in their homes and offices, and to take part in the nationwide festivities on that occasion.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 30th day of November, 1942.

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
MALACAÑAN PALACE
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION NO. 3**

**CALLING UPON ALL THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO PROPERLY OBSERVE RIZAL DAY AND
PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF ITS OBSERVANCE.**

Whereas, the thirtieth day of December, the anniversary of the martyrdom of Jose Rizal, our greatest patriot and national hero, has been declared a legal holiday and designated Rizal Day in Executive Order No. 20, dated March 20, 1942;

Whereas, Jose Rizal preached and practiced such oriental virtues as love of country, devotion to duty, honor, self-sacrifice, fortitude, restraint, thrift, hard work and industry and emphasized the need for discipline and unity among the Filipino people;

Whereas, the teachings of Jose Rizal are in accord with the precepts and norms of conduct urged upon the Filipinos by the great Japanese Empire in the latter's mission to lead and guide the Philippines towards her destiny as a worthy member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere; and

Whereas, Rizal Day should be observed in a manner befitting these crucial times, the greatness of Jose Rizal and the solemnity of the act of commemorating his martyrdom;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as Head of the Central Administrative Organization by Order No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, and upon the recommendation of the Executive Commission, I hereby call upon all the Filipino people to properly observe Rizal Day by displaying the flag of the Rising Sun. For this purpose, it is prescribed that, as a part of the observance of Rizal Day on December 30th, the officials and employees in Manila of the various departments, bureaus, and offices of the Central Administrative Organization, including the judicial courts and the government-owned or controlled corporations, and those of the City of Manila gather in front of the Rizal monument at the Luneta at 9:50 o'clock in the morning; and that also the officials and employees of the provincial and municipal governments, and other government offices outside Manila gather in front of the Rizal monuments in their respective localities, if any, or in the absence thereof, in their respective offices, at 9:50 o'clock in the morning of the same day for the purpose of holding appropriate ceremonies therein. Such ceremony shall include:

- (1) Homage to the Imperial Palace at exactly 10 o'clock;
- (2) One-minute silent prayer which shall be devoted to prayer for the final victory of Japan and other Oriental peoples and for the success of our present task of building a new and greater Philippines that will be worthy of membership in the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere under the guidance of the Japanese Military Administration; and
- (3) Addresses by high officials of the Central Administrative Organization and by the provincial governor, or the city or municipal mayor concerned on the significance of the day and on Jose Rizal's life and teachings as well as on the recognition by the Filipino people of the present situation.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 21st day of December, 1942.

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission

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**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
MALACAÑAN PALACE
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION NO. 4**

**CALLING UPON THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO PROPERLY OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S DAY AND
PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF ITS OBSERVANCE.**

Whereas, the first day of January has been declared a legal holiday and designated New Year's Day in Executive Order No. 20, dated March 20, 1942;

Whereas, New Year's Day marks the beginning of a new life in which the mistakes of the past year are corrected and resolutions and determinations are renewed; and

Whereas, as a proper observance of New Years Day, the Filipino people should correct their past mistake of relying upon the United States of America and should dedicate the day to the renewal of their determination during the coming year to assist in the task of achieving a complete victory for the Oriental peoples under the leadership of Japan and to construct a new and greater Philippines that will be a worthy member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere under the guidance of the Military Administration;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as Head of the Central Administrative Organization by Order No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, and upon the recommendation of the Executive Commission, I hereby call upon the Filipino people to dedicate the coming New Year's Day to correcting the mistakes of the past, to moulding their lives to the spirit of the New Order, and to renewing their faith in the establishment of the New Philippines and to otherwise observing the day in the following manner:

1. The flag of the Rising Sun shall be displayed; and
2. The officials and employees of the various departments, bureaus and offices of the Central Administrative Organization, including the judicial courts and the government-owned or controlled corporations, as well as those of the provincial, city, and municipal governments shall gather in their respective offices at 9:50 o'clock in the morning of the same day for the purpose of holding appropriate ceremonies which shall include homage to the Imperial Palace at exactly 10 o'clock and one-minute silent prayer for the war dead and complete victory in the war.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 28th day of December, 1942.

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission

Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
MALACAÑAN PALACE
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION
PROCLAMATION NO. 5

CALLING UPON THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MANILA TO PROPERLY OBSERVE JANUARY 2, 1943, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPATION OF MANILA BY THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE FORCES.

Whereas, January 2, 1942, marks the occupation of the City of Manila by the Japanese Armed Forces;

Whereas, on that date, residents of the city first learned of the benevolent policy of the Army of Occupation from the proclamation which the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces issued urging that the people wait for the arrival of the Japanese troops with confidence and ease; that no one, regardless of nationality should flee; and that all should continue in their daily business; and

Whereas, the day is one of thanksgiving, specially for the residents of the City of Manila, because on that day they were enabled to resume a life of peace and security and were afforded the opportunity to do their part in the great task of making the Philippines a worthy member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere under the guidance of the Japanese Military Administration;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as Head of the Central Administrative Organization by Order No. 1 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Forces in the Philippines, I hereby call upon the residents of the City of Manila to properly observe January 2, 1943, the first anniversary of the occupation of Manila by the Imperial Japanese Forces, by displaying the flag of the Rising Sun and by pondering on the significance of the day.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 28th day of December, 1942.

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Chairman of the Executive Commission

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 1

CALLING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTO SPECIAL SESSION FOR A PERIOD OF SIX
DAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 18, 1943.

WHEREAS, with the inauguration of the Republic of the Philippines it becomes necessary and expedient to have the National Assembly sit in special session for the consideration of such measures as may be necessary and convenient for the proper functioning of the Government in the light of the new national policies as proclaimed in the Constitution;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by section 4 (1), Article III of the Constitution, do hereby call the National Assembly into a special session in the City of Manila on the 18th day of October, 1943, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for a period not exceeding six days, for the purpose of considering and passing upon such measures as may, from time to time, be submitted by the President for consideration.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE GIL
Acting Executive Secretary
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 2
GRANTING A GENERAL AMNESTY AND PARDON TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE
PHILIPPINES WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AND OFFENSES OF POLITICAL
NATURE.

WHEREAS, prior to the inauguration of the Republic of the Philippines, crimes and offenses political in nature, such as sedition, illicit associations, engaging in guerrilla activities or aiding and abetting those so engaged, and spreading false rumors with respect to the Greater East Asia War, had been committed in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed wise and humane and conducive to the establishment of peace and order in the country, and would inspire loyalty among them, that the citizens responsible for such crimes and offenses, who have not yet suffered punishment therefor, shall not be subjected to prosecution, or if already finally convicted by the civil courts, shall be relieved from punishment, through a general amnesty and pardon;

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby proclaim and declare, without reservation or condition except as hereinafter provided, a general amnesty to all citizens of the Philippines responsible for the crimes and offenses of sedition, illicit association, engaging in guerrilla activities or aiding and abetting those so engaged, or spreading false rumors and' for all crimes and offenses political in nature, committed against the laws of the Philippines prior to the promulgation of this Proclamation, and a full and complete pardon to all those citizens finally convicted by the civil courts and now undergoing punishment for crimes and offenses of the same category.

The benefits of the present Amnesty may be availed of within a period of sixty days after its promulgation which is hereby set for the 25th day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-three, except in the cities, municipalities and municipal districts of the Visayas, Mindanao and Sulu where this Proclamation shall be deemed promulgated as of the date copies hereof are actually received by the respective mayors of the aforesaid cities, municipalities and municipal districts.

Every person who shall seek to avail himself of the benefits of this Proclamation shall take and subscribe to the following oath in triplicate before any officer authorized to administer oaths, which shall be exempt from the documentary stamp tax as well as from any arid all legal fees whatsoever:

“I,..... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I recognize and accept the supreme authority of the Republic of the Philippines and will maintain true faith and allegiance thereto; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities; that I will conduct myself at all times as a law-abiding citizen of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.” (In case of affirmation, the last sentence will be omitted.)

It shall be the duty of the officer administering the foregoing oath to keep one copy thereof for his record, furnish another copy to the affiant and forward the original copy as soon as practicable to the Governor of the province or Mayor of the city, municipality or municipal district where the oath was administered, for the purpose of registration.

Given under my hand in the City of Manila, this 14th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:
(Sgd.) JOSE GIL
Acting Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 3
DECLARING THE NINETEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS FARMERS'
DAY.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a day be set aside each year for the purpose of focusing the attention of the Filipino people to the essential role the farmers play in the economic welfare of the country, and to afford an occasion of thanksgiving to Providence for the bountiful crop;

WHEREAS, such a day, if properly observed, will serve to arouse popular farm consciousness, stimulate interest in agricultural pursuits, and accelerate the current food production campaign;

WHEREAS, on such occasion the nation will have an opportunity to manifest proper appreciation of, and gratitude for, the service of the farmers and the blessings of Providence; and

WHEREAS, at this most trying period of our national history, it is propitious to drive home to our people the imperative necessity of making the country self-sufficient in crops of prime necessity;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority in me vested by law, do hereby proclaim the nineteenth day of November of each year as Farmers' Day, and enjoin:

1. All provincial governors, city and municipal mayors and KALIBAPI organizations all over the Islands to arrange for appropriate programs, activities or displays, through the press, the theaters, the stores, or by means of garden or livestock contests, with a view to stressing the significance of farm work and the importance of understanding our agricultural problems;
2. All schools, colleges and universities to make suitable observance of the day by appropriate ceremonies featured by speeches, songs, exhibitions or planting activities, emphasizing the respect due the man behind the plow as the backbone of the nation;
3. The Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce to sponsor a farmers' day program calculated to enhance the dignity of Philippine farm life and promote food production;
4. The government officials and employees and the public at large to a proper observance of the day.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE GIL

Acting Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 4

MAKING THE TREATY OF ALLIANCE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN PUBLIC, AND CALLING UPON EVERY CITIZEN TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID TREATY.

WHEREAS, a Treaty of Alliance, between the Republic of the Philippines and the Empire of Japan was concluded and signed by their respective Plenipotentiaries at Manila on the 14th day of October, 1943, the original of which Treaty, as well as the Terms of Understanding attached thereto, being in the French language, is word for word as follows:

“PACTE D’ALLIANCE ENTRE LES
PHILIPPINES ET LE JAPON

“Le President de la Republique des Philippines et Sa Majeste l’Empereur du Japon,

“Le Japon ayant decide de reconnaitre les Philippines comme un Etat independant;

“Desirant que des deux pays, en respectant mutuellement comme bons voisins leur independance autonome, etablissent, en collaboration etroite, line Grande Asie Orientale basee sur la justice pour contribuer ainsi a la paix generale du monde, et desirant eliminer a fond, avec une volonte ferme et irreductible, toutes les mauvaises influences faisant obstacle a ce but, ont resolu de conclure un Pacte a cet effet, et ont nomme pour leurs Plenipotentiaries respectifs, savoir:

“Le President de la Republique des Philippines;

“Son Excellence Monsieur Claro M. Recto, Ministre d’Etat;

“Sa Majeste l’Empereur du Japon;

“Son Excellence Monsieur Shozo Murata, Zyusanmi, Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plenipotentiaire;

Lesquels, apres s’entre communique leurs pleins pouvoirs, trouves en bonne et due forme, sont convenus des dispositions suivantes:

“Article 1

“Il y aura a jamais les relations de bon voisinage et d’amitie entre les Hautes Parties Contractantes sur la base du respect mutuel de leur souverainete et de leurs territoires.

“Article 2

“Les Hautes Parties Contractantes s’assurent une collaboration etroite d’ordre politique, economique et militaire afin de poursuivre la guerre de la Grande Asie Orientale jusqu’a la victoire complete.

“Article 3

“Les Hautes Parties Contractantes collaboreront, d’une facon niutuelle et etroite, pour la construction d’une Grande Asie Orientale.

“Article 4

“Les details necessaires a l’execution du present Pacte serent determines entre les autorites competentes des Hautes Parties Contractantes.

“Article 5

“Le present Pacte entrera en viguer des le jour de la ratification des Hautes Parties Contractantes.

“Article 6

“Le present Pacte sera ratifie de plus tot possible. L’echange des instruments de ratification aura lieu le plus tot possible a Manille.

“En foi de quoi, les Plenipotentiaries respectifs, ont signe le present Pacte et y ont appose leurs cachets.

“Fait en double exemplaire, a Manille, le 14 octobre 1943, correspondant au quatorzieme jour du dixieme mois de la dixhuitieme annee de Syowa.

“(Sgd.) Claro M. Recto”

(Sgd.) Shozo Murata

In Japanese characters”

“TERMES D’ENTENTE ANNEXES AU PACTE
D’ALLIANCE ENTRE LES PHILIPPINES
ET LE JAPON
“AD. Article 2

“Il est entendu que la modalite principale de la collaboration etroite d’ordre militaire afin de poursuivre la guerre de la Grande Asie Orientale stipulee dans cet article sera comme suit:

“Les Philippines donneront toutes les facilites pour les operations militaires qu’entreprendra le Japon; en outre, les Philippines et le Japon collaboreront, d’une facon mutuelle et etroite, pour sauvegarder l’integrite territoriarle et l’independance des Philippines.

“En foi de quoi, les soussignes, dument autorises a cet effet par leurs Gouvernements respectifs, ont signe les presents Termes d’entente.

“Fait en double exemplaire, a Manille, le 14 octobre 1943, correspondant au quatorzieme jour du dixieme mois de la dixhuitieme annee de Syowa.

“(Sgd.) Claro M. Recto”
“(Sgd.) Shozo Murata
“In Japanese characters”

(Note: The English translation is hereto attached.)

WHEREAS, the National Assembly of the Philippines, by its Resolution No. 4 of October 18, 1943, did concur in the conclusion of the said Treaty and Terms of Understanding; and WHEREAS, the Treaty and Terms of Understanding above referred to have been duly ratified by both Governments and the ratifications were exchanged at Manila on the 28th day of October, 1943;

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, hereby cause the said Treaty and Terms of Understanding to be made public to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the Republic of the Philippines and the citizens thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE GIL

Acting Executive Secretary

Reference: Pact of Alliance between the Philippines and Japan

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 5

ANNOUNCING THE ASSUMPTION BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE
OBLIGATION OF REDEEMING NOTES ISSUED BY THE BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS STILL REMAINING IN CIRCULATION.

WHEREAS, the Bank of the Philippine Islands, in accordance with the authority granted under its charter (Act No. 1790, as amended). issued circulating notes of various denominations;

WHEREAS, under Article XXXI of its charter, the Bank of the Philippine Islands was required to maintain a reserve fund and to pay certain annuities to be available for the redemption of the notes of said Bank;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the requirements of said Article XXXI of its charter, Executive Order No. Ill was issued on December 14, 1942, by the Chairman of the former Executive Commission, requiring the Bank, among others, to deposit with the National Treasurer certain sums for the redemption of its outstanding circulating notes;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the provisions of said Executive Order No. Ill, the Bank of the Philippine Islands has deposited the amounts required therein, which are now held by the National Treasurer to the credit of a special fund denominated "Notes of the Bank of the Philippine Islands Redemption Fund," and are available exclusively for the redemption of said notice; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of the circulating notes issued by the Bank have already been redeemed and the outstanding circulating notes of the Bank of the Philippine Islands at the inception of the present administration amounted only to one million three hundred and fifty thousand pesos;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim that the Republic of the Philippines hereby assumes the obligation of redeeming upon their presentation any notes of the Bank of the Philippine Islands remaining in circulation: *Provided, however,* That the Government does not assume any obligation with regard to the notes issued by said Bank under the name of "Banco Español-Filipino."

The Minister of Finance is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations prescribing the manner for the redemption of said circulating notes, and for this purpose, and with a view to avoiding the possibility of having spurious or counterfeit notes redeemed, he may make the necessary arrangements with the Bank of the Philippine Islands or other competent entities, whereby such notes may be redeemed through said Bank or other entities.

Any person holding or keeping in his possession any circulating notes issued by the Bank of the Philippine Islands shall present said notes for redemption in accordance with the procedure to be prescribed by the Minister of Finance, within a period of ninety days from the date of the issuance of this proclamation in the case of residents within the City of Manila, and within one hundred eighty days in the case of residents outside the City of Manila. Failure to present such notes for redemption within the period herein specified shall bar the holder thereof from the benefits of redemption.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this third day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE G. SANVICTORES

Acting Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 6

DECLARING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1943, A SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the eighth day of December, known as the Greater East Asia Day, is of great significance to the Filipino people as it marked the beginning of the movement to liberate the peoples of East Asia from the domination of foreign powers; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that this day be fittingly observed so that the attention of the people may be drawn to its significance;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by law, do hereby declare December 8, 1943, a special public holiday in order to give the officials, employees, laborers, and other elements of the community opportunity to join the public celebrations that will be held on that day.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this third day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE G. SANVICTORES

Acting Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 7

DECLARING THE WEEK FROM DECEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH TO DECEMBER THIRTIETH OF EACH YEAR AS “FILIPINO LANGUAGE WEEK” AND CALLING UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO OBSERVE IT PROPERLY.

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines, be propagated throughout the country in order to help bring about the early realization of a closer national unity amongst our people;

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that a period of one week be set aside each year for the purposes of giving special emphasis on the urgent need of having a common tongue among the Filipinos; and

WHEREAS, on such occasion the people of the Philippines will have an opportunity to broaden their outlook on life and to think more in terms of the welfare of the nation rather than that of their respective localities;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the week from December twenty-fourth to December thirtieth of each year as Filipino Language Week and call upon all people of the Philippines to observe the same properly.

For the purpose of this proclamation, the Ministry of Education, Health, and Public Welfare and the Institute of National Language are hereby directed to make necessary preparations for, and take charge of, the celebrations throughout the Philippines, and to request the cooperation of all elements of our population in and outside of the Government in the proper observance of the week.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this seventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE GIL

Acting Assistant Executive Secretary

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PROCLAMATION NO. 7

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Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the week from December twenty-fourth to December thirtieth of each year as Filipino Language Week and call upon all people of the Philippines to observe the same properly.

For the purpose of this proclamation, the Ministry of Education, Health, and Public Welfare and the Institute of National Language are hereby directed to make necessary preparations for, and take charge of, the celebrations throughout the Philippines, and to request the cooperation of all elements of our population in and outside of the Government in the proper observance of the week.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this seventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE GIL

Acting Assistant Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 8

DECLARING THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS KALIBAPI
DAY

WHEREAS, the *Kapisanan sa Paglilingkod sa Bagong Pilipinas*, otherwise known as KALIBAPI, was organized a little over a year ago as a nonpolitical-association for service to the New Philippines;

WHEREAS, during its one year of existence it has aided in a great measure in the rapid reconstruction of the Philippines, in the establishment of peace and order, in the rehabilitation of our people and in the laying of the foundations of the Republic of the Philippines through the selection of delegates that ratified our present Constitution and elected the members of the first National Assembly under the Republic; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a day be set aside each year for the purpose of drawing the attention of the Filipino people to the significance of the tasks it is called upon to perform in the unification of our people, and to make them appreciate the contributions it has made and is still making in insuring the strength and hi stability of the nation by fostering their cultural, moral, spiritual, physical and economic advancement and developing in them such laudable virtues as hard work, faith, self-reliance, loyalty, bravery, discipline and self-sacrifice which make for a vigorous and sturdy race of Filipinos;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim, until otherwise provided by law, the twenty-second day of December of each year as Kalibapi Day.

To carry out the object of this proclamation, the *Kapisanan sa Paglilingkod sa Bagong Pilipinas* (KALIBAPI) which is itself properly organized to assume such responsibility, is hereby directed to make the necessary preparations for, and to take charge of, the celebrations throughout the Philippines and to request all elements of our population in and outside of the government to take part or extend their cooperation in the observance of the Day.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) JOSE GIL

Acting Assistant Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 9
DECLARING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1943,
A SPECIAL BANK HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, a petition has been received from and on behalf of the various banks in Manila, requesting that the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, be declared a special bank holiday so as to enable the banking houses to deal with the heavy work incidental to the closing of their books at the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, considering that the thirtieth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and the first and second days of January, nineteen hundred and forty-four, are public holidays, the said thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, can be declared a special bank holiday for the benefit of the banking houses without causing any disadvantage to the public in general; .

NOW, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, and there being in my judgment sufficient reasons therefor, do hereby proclaim Friday, December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, as a special bank holiday. Negotiable papers which will fall due on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-three, if the same were not a holiday, shall not be protested until the sunset of the following Monday, January third, nineteen hundred and forty-four. The banking houses shall receive moneys from the business community on the said thirty-first day of December for safe-keeping, provided that such moneys shall not be entered on the bank accounts until the third day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-four.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:
(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO
Acting Executive Secretary
Source: Office of the Solicitor General Library

Proclamation No. 21.—Proclaiming the election of His Excellency, Jose P. Laurel, as President of the Republic of the Philippines.

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the National Assembly has certified to the Chairman of the Executive Commission that at the inaugural session of the National Assembly on September 25, 1943, His Excellency, Jose P. Laurel, was unanimously elected President of the Republic of the Philippines by the members of the National Assembly;

Now, therefore, I, Jorge B. Vargas, Chairman of the Executive Commission, do hereby proclaim His Excellency, Jose P. Laurel, as President-elect of the Republic of the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 14th day of October, 1943.

(Sgd.) **JORGE B. VARGAS**

Chairman of the Executive Commission

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 10

CALLING UPON THE STUDENTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING, THE MEMBERS OF THE KALIBAPI, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ACTIVELY ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE CAMPAIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION.

WHEREAS, in view of the present emergency and for the purpose of taking immediate steps to insure the production of an adequate food supply for the needs of the country, the President of the Republic of the Philippines promulgated on November 20, 1943, Ordinance No. 2 requiring, among others, the owners of all vacant or idle urban lands to plant or cause said lands to be planted to food crops;

WHEREAS, in order to supplement the provisions of said Ordinance No. 2, the President of the Republic of the Philippines issued on December 2, 1943, Administrative Order No. 9 authorizing the planting of public plazas, yards, grounds and sidewalk parking to vegetables and other food crops;

WHEREAS, with a view to accelerating the current food production campaign of the Government, the active assistance and cooperation of not only the farmers but of all elements of the country as well is deemed essential, and certain organizations, like the KALIBAPI, the neighborhood associations, those associations organized for civic purposes and religious bodies can be of great utility to the Government for the effective prosecution of such campaign; and

WHEREAS, the services of the children in public and private schools and students in other institutions of learning should also be enlisted in the present campaign in order to arouse farm consciousness among them and stimulate their interest in agricultural pursuits;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the authority in me vested by law, do hereby call upon all our people, as well as upon all residents in our country who share with us the benefits that we enjoy today under the Republic of the Philippines, to contribute their share in the realization of the government program for increased food production by helping in the cultivation of all available vacant lands within their respective communities. I make a special appeal to the students in the public and private institutions of learning, to all the members of the KALIBAPI, to the members of neighborhood associations, to all those affiliated with civic associations, such as the National Federation of Women's Clubs, the Catholic Women's League, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Young Men's Christian Association, and other organizations engaged in social and community welfare work, and to the members of religious bodies and organizations, to actively assist in carrying out the present campaign of the Government for greater food production in the following manner:

(a) The members of the KALIBAPI, neighborhood associations, and civic and religious organizations may set aside certain day or days of the week in which they may devote their time exclusively to the planting of vegetables and other food crops on the lands owned or held by them in compliance with section 7 of Ordinance No. 2; and if they do not own such lands, they may make the necessary arrangements with the owners thereof through their City or Municipal Mayors or apply for the cultivation of public plazas, grounds, yards and sidewalk parking as community or individual gardens under the conditions provided in Administrative Order No. 9;

(b) In the case of students in public and private institutions of learning, they shall also devote certain hours of such days as may be fixed by the school authorities to the planting of vegetables and other food crops on lands within the school premises or on other vacant lands available for the purpose. The head of the school or college concerned shall so arrange the school hours as to enable the students organized into groups to work by shifts in order not to interfere with the hours assigned for their studies. The Minister of Education, Health and Public Welfare shall determine t

from time to time in what regions of the Philippines this proclamation shall be enforced in so far as it affects the public and private institutions of learning.

The Director of Plant Industry, through the provincial agronomists or other food production agents, and the city and municipal mayors are hereby enjoined to render all possible assistance to the persons or entities appealed to in this proclamation for the successful carrying out of the program of the Government to increase food production.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 3rd day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO

Acting Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROCLAMATION NO. 11

DECLARING THE WEEK FROM JANUARY 19 TO 25 THIS YEAR, INCLUSIVE, AS GENERAL AMNESTY WEEK AND CALLING UPON ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THE AMNESTY CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

WHEREAS, to insure tranquility and happiness to our people there must be complete peace and order throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of establishing complete peace and order throughout the country it is necessary that all members of guerrilla organizations should give up their present activities and return to their respective homes and help in their communities to promote peace and increase food production;

WHEREAS, under my Proclamation No. 2 granting general amnesty and pardon to all citizens of the Philippines, the benefits thereof may be availed of within a period of 60 days from November 25, 1943, the date of its proclamation to January 25, 1944, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the prescribed period of amnesty is nearing its termination and it is deemed necessary to take most energetic efforts to bring to the attention of all those concerned the importance of taking advantage of the benefits of this amnesty proclamation;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby proclaim the week from January 19 to 25, 1944, inclusive, as General Amnesty Week and call upon all public officials and all private citizens and inhabitants of the Philippines to give their whole-hearted and intensified efforts in this last week of the period prescribed in the Amnesty Proclamation to the end that the amnesty campaign may succeed in its purpose of bringing about peace and order in the Philippines.

This intensification of efforts during the General Amnesty Week shall be observed throughout Luzon and adjacent islands excluding the cities and municipalities of the Visayas, Mindanao, and Sulu where the Amnesty Proclamation has been promulgated as of dates other than November 25, 1943.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 17th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO

Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PROCLAMATION NO. 12

FIXING A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DAYS WITHIN WHICH FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION HELD WITHOUT PROPER LICENSE OR PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION MAY BE SURRENDERED WITHOUT PENALTY OF THE LAW TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

WHEREAS, Section 25 of Executive Order No. 226 dated October 12, 1943, of the Chairman of the former Philippine Executive Commission requires the surrender and deposit of firearms or ammunition to the provincial governor or city mayor concerned regardless of whether or not possession thereof is lawful under the laws existing prior to the promulgation of said Executive Order and provides that failure to surrender and deposit shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of that Order; and

WHEREAS, no period of time is fixed by said Executive Order within which such firearms or ammunition should be surrendered to competent authorities;

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim and require all persons possessing firearms or ammunition without proper license or permit issued under the provisions of Executive Order No. 226 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, to surrender them to the provincial governor or city mayor concerned within a period of one hundred and twenty days from the date said provincial governor or city mayor receives copy of this proclamation, for deposit or sale to the Government. The persons surrendering firearms or ammunition for deposit may transfer such firearms or ammunition to persons authorized to possess the same, or, if qualified may acquire the corresponding license for the possession thereof.

All persons surrendering firearms and ammunition within the period prescribed herein shall not be subject to the penalty provided by law. After the lapse of the period herein prescribed, all persons not taking advantage of the provisions of this proclamation shall be regarded as unlawful possessors and punished in accordance with law.

In the case of firearms or ammunition surrendered for sale to the Government, the same shall be paid for in amounts to be determined by the proper authorities.

All firearms and ammunition surrendered in accordance with this proclamation shall be turned over to, and receipted for, by the Metropolitan Constabulary Commander or by the Senior Inspector of the Constabulary, as the case may be.

All provincial governors and city mayors shall immediately give wide publicity to this proclamation throughout their respective provinces or cities, stating the date they received copy hereof, utilizing for the purpose, posters, billboards, town criers and other means, as well as availing of the services of all government agencies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
President of the Republic of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO
Executive Secretary
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PROCLAMATION NO. 16

ANNOUNCING THE CIRCULATION OF MILITARY NOTES OF THE DENOMINATION OF
ONE HUNDRED PESOS BEGINNING MAY 1, 1944.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of facilitating financial transactions it has become necessary to place in circulation Military notes of 100-peso denomination;

WHEREAS, the Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Army in the Philippines has informed the Republic of the Philippines that these 100-peso Military notes will be of the same character and are placed in circulation under the same conditions as the Military notes authorized under the Military Proclamation of January 3, 1942;

NOW, THEREFORE. I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, hereby announce that 100-peso Military notes will be in circulation beginning this day and request the people of the Republic of the Philippines to accept such notes in the same manner as the military notes issued under the Military Proclamation of January 3, 1942, now in circulation as legal tender in the Philippines.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO

Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PROCLAMATION NO. 17
CALLING UPON ALL INHABITANTS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PERFORM MANUAL
LABOR ON LABOR DAY.

WHEREAS, the first Saturday of May of each year has been declared as Labor Day and made a legal holiday by Act No. 12 of the National Assembly of the Republic of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the primordial object of the Government in observing Labor Day is to lay special emphasis on the importance and dignity of labor and to focus the attention of our laborers to their great responsibility in the present task of rehabilitation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the significance of Labor Day may be better inculcated in our people if it is observed in a positive and palpable manner calculated to imbue the nation with the proper meaning and spirit of the Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby call upon our people, as well as upon all residents in our country who share with us the blessings that we enjoy today under the Republic of the Philippines, to observe Labor Day by devoting as much time as they could spare on May 6, 1944, to the actual performance of useful or productive manual labor.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO

Executive Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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PROCLAMATION NO. 18
DECLARING JUNE 19TH OF EVERY YEAR
AS "KAPARIZ DAY"

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18, dated May 1, 1944, established the national youth brotherhood Kabataang Pangarap ni Rizal or KAPARIZ whose purpose among others is "to instill in the Filipino youth an abiding interest in Rizal's life so that they will exert every effort to observe his teachings and follow his examples;"

WHEREAS, a national observance of a fitting nature of June 19, Rizal's birthday, would be an excellent means of focussing the minds of the people, especially of the young, on the life and teachings of the national hero; and

WHEREAS, it is but proper that such a national observance be given a timely and special meaning with respect to the Kapariz movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby proclaim June 19 of this year, and of every year thereafter, as Kapariz Day, and call upon all public officials and all private citizens and inhabitants of the Philippines to observe this day fittingly and in such manner as to contribute to the furtherance of the ideals for which the Kapariz was created and established: *Provided, however,* That regardless of the form of observing the day in any locality, it shall include a one-minute silent prayer, at exactly 9:30 o'clock in the morning of said day, invoking Divine Providence to illumine the minds of the youth in their emulation of the life of Rizal. The National Chairman is hereby authorized to call upon any person in the Government for such assistance as he may need in appropriately observing the day in the City of Manila.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:

(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO

Executive Secretary

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PROCLAMATION NO. 19

CALLING UPON ALL ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION OF THE PHILIPPINES TO
SUPPORT THE “NATIONAL UNIFICATION FUND DRIVE” OF THE KALIBAPI.

WHEREAS, the Kalibapi, the Peoples’ Party, has been authorized to launch a “National Unification Fund Drive,” beginning June 19, 1944, and ending December 30, 1944;

WHEREAS, the drive is intended to enable the Kalibapi to raise funds through voluntary contributions and other activities of a popular character with which to finance its nation-wide program for national unification, and at the same time to make the people conscious of the importance of national unity; and

WHEREAS, the unification of our people which the Kalibapi aims to accomplish, irrespective of creed or social distinction, will pave the way for the complete restoration of peace and order and for the return of the normal processes of national life;

Now, therefore, I, Jose P. Laurel, President of the Republic of the Philippines, pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, do hereby call upon all public officials and employees of the Government, as well as upon all private citizens, and enjoin them to extend their support, assistance and cooperation to the “National Unification Fund Drive” of the Kalibapi so as to insure its success and thus hasten the fulfillment of the program for national unification which the Kalibapi seeks to accomplish.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Republic of Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) JOSE P. LAUREL
*President of the Republic
of the Philippines*

By the President:
(Sgd.) PEDRO SABIDO
Executive Secretary
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